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WILL GERMANY FIND NEW RAY

It is said that many of the countries at war with Germany are much concerned over the possibilities of that country developing a new ray, which is supposed to be between the X-Ray and violet ray, and which is supposed to contain the property of snuffing out life by being defused among the army of the enemy. The real fact of the matter is that Germany has never evolved any important discovery, but her stock in trade has been the application of discoveries of other peoples, and it is not to be expected that she will be successful in her latest pursuit. Even if she is the other fellow will find a way to combat her. During the late world war all sorts of reports got abroad regarding the great discoveries of Germany, but they all turned out to be myths. In England the impression prevailed that a discovery had been made of a method of warfare that was frightful beyond everything that had heretofore been used, and that the war lords were loath to use it. But this also turned out to be nothing further than the use of gas, which was put into use by the Germans and was met by the allies with gas masks. Frightfulness in war will continue to the end of time and people will use every effort to prevent future wars, but it can't be done.

MINING AND THE RAILROADS

As an illustration of the importance of mining to the railroads of the United States the U. S. Bureau of mines has just made public a study of the classification of freight tonnage. The figures show that mining furnishes a direct tonnage of 56% from all sources and the further statement that mining furnishes a large tonnage of the manufactures. The estimate was made only from railroads that have an annual revenue in excess of one million dollars. The classification is as follows:

	Tons	Pct. of Total
Products of Agriculture	115,033,319	10.49
Animals, products	35,493,662	3.24
Products of mines	589,950,958	53.82
Products of forests	94,075,639	8.58
Manufactures	168,759,153	15.40
Miscellaneous	92,798,540	8.47
Total	1,096,111,271	100.00

It will be also noted that mining makes possible the manufacture of many things that give tonnage to the railroads, as well as taking billions of feet of timber annually to carry on its work. Directly and indirectly the mines of the country furnish fully 70% of the total haulage of the railroads and give life to many industries that could not exist were mines to cease operation. A country without mines is poor indeed, but could any person conceive of the United States without mines in operation. Think of taking from the railroads 70% of their freight tonnage, and what they would be reduced to. It is this mining that makes the United States the strong, progressive country that it is, giving stability to every line of endeavor.

U. S. MINERS MAY FIX WORLD PRICE OF SILVER

Silver from mines in the United States has been purchased by the Government for \$1 per ounce during the last two years under the terms of the Pittman Act. In all 207 million ounces were to be purchased to replace silver dollars that were sold to the British Government for use in the Orient during the War. In two years something more than half of this amount has been produced and sold and accordingly the fixed \$1 price will probably last about two years longer. The editor of the Engineering and Mining Journal-Press says:

"What will happen to the price which will be paid American producers of silver after the expiration of the effectiveness of the Pittman Act is a problem which is naturally engaging the attention of American miners. Since the principal market for the world's silver lies in Asia—in China and India chiefly—it is suggested by H. N. Lawrie, managing director of the American Gold and Silver Institute, that a Silver Export Association be formed, under the provisions of the Webb Act, to market silver in foreign countries. It would seem as if this suggestion were worthy of serious consideration by our silver producers.

"At present the central silver market of the world is in London, although the United States and Mexico together produce 70 per cent of the world's silver. But, due to England's suzerainty of India, and her dominating trade position in China, it follows naturally that commercial, financial, and fiscal transactions center in London; hence, as has often been pointed out, the difficulty or inadvisability of transferring the open silver market from London to New York. But the idea of a Silver Export Association works well with existing conditions; and should prove of substantial benefit in securing higher prices for silver in the world market, and in avoiding the great depression and inflations of the silver quotations—smoothing out, in respect to silver, those high and low points of prosperity which constitute the 'business cycle,' whose extremes could well be minimized for general prosperity, as Mr. Hoover has recently pointed out."

While dog days have not yet arrived we are regaled with various tales of dogs, the newspapers going even into the scarehead and double deckers to tell of the doggies that have been saved from an ignominious death by some miracle or some dog saving its master in a most wonderful way. Over in Harrisburg, Pa., a stray dog had been picked up by a citizen and the game warden made a demand for the dog that he might be killed for some activity or other. The citizen refused to give him up and the case became a cause belle that got to the ears of the president of the United States. President and Mrs. Harding, Gov. Sproule and other dignitaries interceded for the life of the dog and were finally told that the dog still retained it and that there was no warrant of execution for his death issued, and the doggie matter did not even have a tail to hang a can to.

R'member

NOW YOU USED TO QUARREL WITH THE LITTLE GIRL NEXT DOOR—



AND YOU'RE STILL BATTLING WITH HER.



BABSON, Famous Statistician on Business Conditions

Wellesley Hills, Mass., July 8, 1922. In discussing the general situation for the week Roger W. Babson the statistician today made the following analysis of the Crop Outlook.

"Today interest is centered around the prospective 1922 crop output. I cannot over-estimate the importance of agricultural products at this time, not only as a business barometer, but as the means of restoring confidence and a higher spending power in those sections that suffered most acutely during this depression period. I have traveled thru the grain and cotton areas and know the farmer carried more than his share of the readjustment responsibilities. Yet this is history, and the farmer is looking forward with considerable optimism to probable developments during the next few years.

"The outstanding feature of the June Government Report is that acreage of all wheat, oats, and rye is 2.2% less than a year ago, but the estimated yield is 17.1% greater. This means that growing conditions are comparatively favorable. I have yet to witness a year where crop scares and marked price fluctuations did not materialize. Weather and insect ravages cannot be forecast, but as conditions now stand, the total grain output should about equal normal proportions. The winter wheat crop is now being harvested, the yield estimated at 3.4% over 1921.

"Spring wheat figures are placed at 18.8% more than a year ago, with the total considerably in excess of the ten-year average. Nevertheless, wheat is statistically strong. Our exportable surplus for the current year was placed at 255,000,000 bushels. Actual exports for the season approached 265,000,000 bushels. The relatively large crop is entirely offset by the limited carry-over. Australian and Argentine stocks are also limited. True, the price level of wheat is high compared with corn and oats. Wheat, however, is the natural leader and I would make one point clear; namely, that until Russia is again in a position to feed a great portion of Europe, the price of wheat in this country will remain high.

"The number of acres devoted to oats is 6.7% under a year ago. Still the prospective output is 23% more. The estimated yield of 1,305,000,000 bushels about equals the ten-year average. It is well-known that oat prices are fundamentally too low. Considering the limited crop of a year ago and heavy consumption on the farms, the carry-over promises to rule far under normal proportions. This phase is not discounted by the present price level. I anticipate a higher price level for oats during the 1922-23 season. The rye crop shows the most radical developments of all. Acreage is 13.3% over last year, while the prospective yield shows an increase of 40%. With the exception of 1918, this is the largest figure on record. There is no fundamental reason why rye should not follow the general trend of agricultural products.

"With the advent of the new crop a marked price elevation is not logical. Still no serious price decline should eventuate this fall, and the 1922-23 seasonal rise should be more pronounced than in the season about to close. The Babson Agricultural Index of ten leading products is now quoted at 148, which shows a 28-point rise over the low during the fall of 1921. The elevation in agricultural products has already increased the spending power of the farmer. It should be remembered that 1922 producing costs—labor, fertilizer and transportation—are ranging on a more popular basis compared with recent years. Therefore, with good crops and a higher average price over the next year, the farmer's income is bound to return gradually to normal.

"I am particularly interested in cotton. The condition is now estimated around 70, which compares with a ten-year average of 75. Last year's crop was the smallest in modern history, yet the record carry-over constituted a total figure that successfully coped with the curtailed European and

30 Years Ago Today

Mrs. W. E. Frost, of Wallapai Springs, was in town Monday enjoying the Fourth of July festivities.

Judge Henry Schaefer came in from White Hills Wednesday night and will remain in town several days.

Col. Harley Fay brought in several hundred pounds of silver specimens from the mines of White Hills this week.

Capt. Hardy brought in several hundred pounds of specimens from White Hills this week that are wonderfully rich in silver.

A. M. McDuffee is in Creede, Colorado, where he is doing good missionary work for Mohave county. He can always be relied upon to say a good word for old Mohave wherever he may be.

The new election law will appear in the next issue of the Miner. Voting under the Australian system is somewhat intricate and the average voter will do well to give the law careful perusal.

George M. Bowers and Matt Howell came in from San Francisco Wednesday morning and have gone out to White Hills, where they will look the mining situation over.

At a meeting of the miners and business men of White Hills, held in that camp on June 28th for the purpose of forming a new mining district out of Gold Basin, Judge Henry Schaefer was elected chairman and Caldwell Wright secretary. It was resolved that a new district be formed to be known as Indian Secret, the south boundary to be at Mountain Springs, thence up the backbone of the Cerbat range to the Colorado river, along the river to Poison Springs wash; thence south to a point opposite Mountain Springs, and easterly to the place of beginning. The entire district was formed from that of Gold Basin, which joined Wallapai district on the north.

Samuel Crozier was down from Crozier this week to attend a meeting of the board of supervisors.

Miss Lizzie Orm paid the Miner office a pleasant visit this week. Johnson and Beale Springs ranches are shipping a great deal of fruit to Kingman these days. Peaches, apricots and figs are the specialties.

Passenger trains have been from six to twelve hours late this week owing to wrecks and washouts.

A. W. Ivins, a distinguished citizen of St. George, Utah, spent Friday in Kingman and left today for home via White Hills.

Thomas Bowers, of Austin, Texas, a nephew of George M. Bowers, arrived in Kingman a few days and expects to remain.

John Fielding of Hackberry has commenced the erection of a store building at White Hills and will stock it with everything that the new camp needs.

Cross & Company have put on a tri-weekly stage line between Kingman and White Hills. A new

domestic demand. This year the carry-over is nearly back to normal proportions and a crop in excess of 11,500,000 bales is not indicated. This means that the total supply is about equal last year's figure, but the potential demand is greater.

"Europe has been taking between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 bales annually since 1913," concluded Mr. Babson. "The pre-war figure was between 8,000,000 and 9,000,000 bales. Europe must buy raw cotton in greater quantity if she is to maintain supremacy in the finished product. With the settlement of the present textile strike, domestic consumption will be higher, not lower. Theoretically there is a world shortage of cotton and until the statistical position is corrected, a condition that cannot materialize for at least another year the average price will remain as high if not higher than the present level."

General business according to the index figure of the Babsonchart stands at 17% below normal. This is the same as last week, and is favorable considering the serious loss suffered through the various great labor strikes now in progress.

thoroughbrace stage was received this week and will be used in the service.

Mrs. James Rosborough, of Hackberry, spent the Fourth of July with Mrs. J. R. Russell.

The Misses Gross, of Mineral Park, sisters of Mrs. O. F. Kuencer, are visiting in Kingman.

U. S. Jackson, an old time printer, arrived from Prescott this week and is on his way to the new silver camp of White Hills.

Tom Burch, who has mining property near the Hibernia, this week took out a large supply of provisions for his camp.

Showers have been falling in the mountains all around Kingman the past several days, but so far have passed the town up.

The Misses Lizzie Orm and Kittie Sherman, of Mineral Park, spent the Fourth of July in Kingman.

Beebe's big teams this week brought in four tons of ore from the White Hills mines. Although only a small amount of work has so far been done there is about 100 tons of wonderfully rich ore on the dumps ready for shipment. Only light loads can be hauled owing to lack of roads.

Harvey Hubbs announces his candidacy for sheriff and L. O. Cowan for treasurer on the democratic ticket.

John Myers is up from the Hope mine, where he has been for some time working a lease.

Andrew Hance and John Little, two old Mohaveites, have returned to their first love.

Mrs. Rosalee Ogden and daughters departed this week to Sacramento, California, where they will visit with relatives for a short time.

Judge J. H. Wright, that sterling old democrat of Prescott, arrived in Kingman this week. Judge Wright is always sure of a warm welcome in this county.

J. N. Cohenour of Peach Springs, was in Kingman yesterday.

W. B. Ridenour has about completed his large frame building at White Hills, which is to be used as an assay office. Mr. Ridenour is one of the oldest mining men in the county, having been the discoverer of the old Hackberry mine.

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